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APOLLO DISTRICT INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS FEBRUARY 2006

PONTOON BOAT CRUISE:

THE BACKWATERS OF MOSQUITO LAGOON

Journey with a National Park Ranger on a visit to the colorful places that lend character to this vital estuary. Our pontoon boat, *Tortuga del Sol* is U.S. Coast Guard inspected and our licensed captains and experienced mates are trained to provide you with a memorable and safe park water tour. Join us for a two-hour journey as we cruise from the Visitor Center on most Sundays, weather permitting. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and SPACE IS LIMITED. A cost recovery fee of \$13.00 per person is charged for all passengers. Call (386) 428-3384 ext. 10 to reserve space.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH-2:00 PM-"DOLPHIN DISCUSSION" Join a ranger and learn the facts and lore about this charming mammal. Then we'll go out and try to spot some in Mosquito Lagoon. Meet at the Visitor Information Center. (1 hour)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 15TH AND 22ND-11:00 AM-"TURTLE MOUND TALK" Learn what life would have been like for the Timucuan Indians who inhabited this area 2,000 years ago. Meet at Turtle Mound. (1 hour)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH AND 23RD-1:00 PM-"HOOK, LINE AND SINKER" Bait, rigs and tackle tips will be discussed, along with the rules and regulations for keeping what you catch. Bring water and sunscreen. We have a few rods; feel free to bring your own. Meet at the Visitor Information Center. (2 hours)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 17TH, 24TH AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH-9:00 AM TO 11:00 PM-“CANOE MOSQUITO LAGOON” Join a guide as you explore this rich and diverse estuary up close. Some experience is preferred. You must be at least 8 years old and able to paddle. You must wear covered shoes (no sandals or flip-flops). Bring water, sunscreen and a hat. Dress to get wet. Individuals with their own kayaks or canoes are welcome to join in. Life preservers are provided. Reservations are taken no more than seven days in advance. Call (386) 428-3384 ext. 10 to reserve your spot. Meet at the Visitor Information Center at 8:45 a.m. we will leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. and return around 11:00 a.m. (2 hours)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH-1:00 PM-“FROM COAST TO COAST” Start on the beach and learn about the dunes then end up on the lagoon shore discussing the importance of mangroves. Bring water and sunscreen. Meet at the Visitor Information Center. (1 hour)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH AND 23RD-11:00 AM-“ELDORA WALK” Take a stroll through time down to the Eldora State House and learn what it would have been like to live in an agricultural village around the turn of the century. Meet at parking area #8. (1 hour)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH-1:00 PM-“FISH MOSQUITO LAGOON” Learn tips and tricks for fishing the waters of Mosquito Lagoon. Bring your own tackle if you can; we have some supplies. Bring water and sunscreen. Meet at the Visitor Information Center. (2 hours)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH-1:00 PM-“PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING” Learn the ancient art of pine needle basket weaving. Great for beginners or those looking to brush up on their skills. The materials will be provided, just bring your imagination. Meet at the Visitor Information Center. (1 hour)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH-10:00 AM-“A CRABBING WE WILL GO” Learn about the elusive and delicious blue crab. Try some trapping techniques and get some recipe ideas. Meet at the Visitor Information Center. (1 hour)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND-2:00 PM-“GOT SAND?” Learn what happens to a beach when development gets in the way of a natural dune system. Meet at the Visitor Information Center. (1 hour)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH-12:00 PM-“BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES” Bring a bag lunch and join us at our pavilion for a special guest speaker. This month we are welcoming Dana Ste. Clair author of “True Native” and Cracker Culture”. (1 hour)